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I

1. Time, date and location of the reported violation.

8.30, 31 August 1989, Abidjan.

2. Characteristics of the reported violation.

Four armed attackers burst into the hall of the premises occupied by the trade representation of the Republic of Poland. The attaché and his wife, who reside on the premises, stood in their way. The attackers, threatening to use guns, ordered them to open the safe. They were prevented from entering the office part of the building. During the hallway incident the attaché was mugged. The attackers retreated, taking his wallet (containing 200 United States dollars).

3. Mission or representative against whom the reported violation was directed.

Trade representative of the Republic of Poland at Abidjan, attaché
Mr. Tomasz Iwankow, and Mrs. Iwankow.

4. Casualties sustained and damage caused by the violation.

Mugged employee; loss of wallet with 200 United States dollars.

5. Name, nationality, place of habitual or permanent residence of the alleged offender(s) and other available information regarding the identity of such offenders.

Offenders unknown.

6. Devices and means used for carrying out the reported violation.

Firearms (7).

7. Accomplices of the alleged offenders.

None found.

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8. Measures taken to apprehend and to bring the alleged offender to justice.
Local police were notified. A bullet left behind by the attackers was secured.
The post presented a note to the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
9. Final outcome of the proceedings against the offender.
All documents relating to the case are held by the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations.

II

1. Time, date and location of the reported violation.
Between 13.05 and 13.30 on 15 November 1989, at Cologne, in the apartment of the political counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland.
2. Characteristics of the reported violation.
Bestial murder for reasons of robbery of the political counsellor's daughter, Miss Joanna Kutyla.
A considerable sum of money was reported missing. The autopsy did not confirm the sexual character of the crime.
3. Mission or representative against whom the reported violation was directed.
The Embassy of the Republic of Poland at Cologne. The victim was Miss Joanna Kutyla.
4. Casualties sustained and damage caused by the reported violation. Loss of life (see above).
5. Name, nationality, place of habitual or permanent residence of the alleged offender(s) and other available information regarding the identity of such offenders.
Evidence gathered, according to German Federal Police, points to the perpetrator's provenance from criminal circles in Cologne. The murderer left no traces.
6. Devices and means used for carrying out the reported violation.
Long sharp instrument.
7. Measures taken to apprehend and to bring the alleged offender to justice.
Detailed investigation supervised by the Prosecutor's Office at Cologne.

8. Final outcome of the proceedings against the offenders.

On the basis of micro-evidence it was only possible to ascertain that the murderer was dressed in denim trousers and jacket. He did not leave any traces. The crime finds no response in the Cologne criminal milieu.

III

1. Time, date and location of the reported violation.

22.00, 30 March 1990, at Beirut.

2. Characteristics of the reported violation.

In the vicinity of the trade representation of the Republic of Poland at Beirut, a member of the administrative staff of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland and his wife were fired at from an automatic weapon.

3. Mission or representative against whom the reported violation was directed.

The Embassy of the Republic of Poland at Beirut, Mr. Bogdan Serkis and Mrs. Ewa Serkis.

4. Casualties sustained and damage caused by the reported violation.

Mr. Bogdan Serkis was shot in the cheek, thigh and leg; Mrs. Ewa Serkis sustained two light shot wounds in the legs.

5. Name, nationality, place of habitual or permanent residence of the alleged offender(s) and other available information regarding the identity of such offenders.

Unidentified.

6. Devices and means used for carrying out the reported violation.

Automatic firearms.

7. Accomplices of the alleged offenders.

None identified.

8. Measures taken to apprehend and to bring the alleged offender to justice.

Police investigation under way. Local authorities have expressed their regret at the occurrence.

9. Final outcome of the proceedings against the offender.

Offenders not identified.

Notes

1/ Transmitted to the Permanent Representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Germany and Lebanon to the United Nations by notes verbales dated 26 October 1990 and circulated to all States under cover of a note verbale from the Secretary-General dated 31 October 1990.
